

DDP 0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver Service Definitions

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25. Respite

Respite care includes any services (e.g., traditional respite hours, recreation or leisure activities for the individual to enable the caregiver to remain at home for a break; summer camp) designed to meet the safety and daily care needs of the individual and the needs of the individual's care giver in relation to reducing stress generated by the provision of constant care to the individual receiving waiver services. These services are selected in collaboration with the parents and are provided by persons chosen and trained by the family. Persons providing respite services will be in compliance with all state and federal respite standards. Respite services are delivered in conformity with an individualized plan of care.

The amount and frequency of respite care (with the exception of emergencies) is included in each individual's plan of care.

FFP (Federal Financial Participation) will not be claimed for the cost of room and board except when provided as part of respite care furnished in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence. Age appropriate licensed day care is a respite care option for persons of all ages. Licensed day care is a subcomponent of respite and is treated as a discrete service in the plan of care, the individual cost plan and in the Departments billing and payment system. Day care is reported as respite in federal reports.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Service Limitations- Respite (including day care) is only available to primary caregivers in family settings, including adult foster homes. Respite is available when a primary caregiver is not compensated for providing some or all of the supervision and support needed by the individual. Reimbursement for respite in any setting may not exceed the Departments currently approved hourly respite reimbursement rate. Under no circumstances will childcare reimbursed under this service be used to replace routine childcare that a caregiver is responsible to provide. Children from birth through age 17 may be served in licensed children's day care centers and in licensed family and group day care homes. For children under the age of 13, the waiver will cover the difference in cost between usual and customary rates and the increased rate charged by the provider to serve a child with extraordinary support needs. Children aged 13 through age 17 may be served in licensed children's day care centers and in licensed family and group day care homes, as allowed by the Montana Quality Assurance Division. Individuals aged 18 and older may receive support and supervision services in licensed adult day centers. Under no circumstances will adults be served in settings licensed to serve children.

The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.